

Saints + Scholars Press

Our Mission: Monroe Catholic Elementary Schools is a Christ-Centered, Catholic learning community committed to the academic excellence and spiritual development of every student.



News from Mr. Kubik

**Join us for Mass
every week at 8:15!**

St. Michael - Mondays

For 1st Grade

St. John - Tuesdays

For 2nd-4th Grades

**Mass in the Park
Join the City of Monroe
Catholic Community**

Sat. Sept. 10 at 5 :00

Blessing for Student-Athletes

Dinner prepared by Nick & Ninos

Fellowship in our Parishes

St. Michael Feast Day

Celebration - September 23-25

St. John the Baptist Oktoberfest
Party - October 1st

St. Mary Parish Craft Show -
October 14-15

*Join other parishioners in fellowship!
More info available from the parish
offices.*

**Join the MCES Parent Prayer
Group!**

Drop in on Wednesdays at 8:00 am to pray
with other MCES parents. Questions can
be directed to Principal Zawistowicz at
zawistowicz@monroecatholicschools.com

Education in Virtue

9/9/16

This year's discipline program will be a little different than in previous years. Each teacher uses their own classroom management plan, but if a student happens to be sent to the office, the conversation surrounding their behavior will be guided by the *Disciple of Christ- Education in Virtue* program created by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, who were founded in Ann Arbor. The program has gained wide use throughout Catholic schools in many parts of the country, based on its effectiveness and its uniquely Catholic approach.

This discipline program frames student behavior through the lens of the virtues of Justice, Fortitude, Temperance and Prudence. When students need to think about their actions, several steps are taken:

- 1) An understanding of the situation through discussion with myself
- 2) Determination of the virtue to be discussed, then the child will be shown 3 cards that might display their behavior.
- 3) The child will then pick the virtue card they feel shows how they should have acted.
- 4) I will then talk with the student about the virtue and create a plan of action.
- 5) They will receive a Saint Card to remind them of the virtue and action plan
- 6) As parents, you will receive a copy of the action plan and virtue card to sign.

It is my hope that students will come to see this as an opportunity to grow in their faith while learning to act responsibly in their classroom. Please feel free to visit the website below for more information on the Education in Virtue program. Throughout the year, students and staff alike will be learning more about it and the impact virtues can have on our lives.

<https://educationinvirtue.com/about/>

Ancora Imparo

You may have noticed I sign letters and emails with Ancora Imparo. This latin phrase from Michelangelo means: "Still, I learn." He coined this phrase at a late age, after painting the Sistine Chapel and creating David. It is a phrase I live by and want everyone in our schools to adopt as well: no matter how long we have been in school, or how much we have experienced, there is still much to learn!

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Saints + Scholars Teacher Highlight

Mrs. Melody Setzler

What do you teach?

Kindergarten at the MCES-St. Michael Campus.

How long have you taught at MCES or one of our founding schools?

6 Years.

What is your favorite part of teaching?

Seeing the children's growth throughout the year.

What was your favorite subject to learn about when you were in school?

Music and reading because I have always enjoyed singing and I love to read.

What does our theme: "Saints + Scholars" mean to you?

That we as teachers are called to raise up our next generation of saints and scholars. Students who are lifetime learners and who follow and attain to be more like Jesus.



Our Newest Saint: St. Teresa of Calcutta

St. Teresa of Calcutta was born in Macedonia in 1910. She later joined the Sisters of Loreto and worked in a school in the city of Calcutta, India. After teaching for 20 years, she felt "a call within a call." She felt she was called to work with the poorest of the poor on the streets of Calcutta. She petitioned the Vatican and was granted permission to form a new order of sisters: The Missionaries of Charity. Today there are 4,000 members who serve in 123 countries around the world. Mother Teresa died in 1997 and was beatified- the first step toward sainthood- in 2003 by Pope John Paul II. She was canonized for sainthood on September 4, 2016.

Our Prayer:

Merciful Father, you gave St. Teresa of Calcutta the gifts of faith and charity at any cost which led her to consecrate her life to serving the poorest of the poor. Give us the same grace to imitate her example of total trust in You, fidelity to Your Church, and offering the gift of self for those in need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Calendar Reminders

10 Mass in Park, 5pm in St. Mary's Park for all three Parishes in the city of Monroe, CYO Fall athletes will receive a blessing.

20 St. Michael Campus Hearing and Vision Screening

23-25 St. Michael Parish/Campus Feast Day Celebration

October

1 Oktoberfest for St. John Parish

7 Green and Gold day, students can wear any SMCC shirt, or green or gold top with jeans or gym uniform bottoms.

7 SMCC Homecoming Parade

U of M Football Fundraising Opportunity

MCES has a new fundraising opportunity through working the University of Michigan Home Football Games and other special events at the Big House. Open to all parents to raise money for their favorite program or activity at MCES including Class Trips, CYO, Quizbowl, Robotics, Atrium, Garden School or even specific grades or buildings. To learn more call Lisa Soncrant at 734-770-9496 or email her at lsoncrant@comcast.net.

Children's Book Donations Requested

If you have any books for 1st Grade and younger, we are looking to grow our new Media Center Library. Please drop them off at the school office in a bag that includes your name/family name. Any donations are greatly appreciated!



